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Thanks

.. To those parents who supported our Taniwha Challenge team this week.
.. To the enthusiastic team of parents gearing up for Trivia Night (21.9)
.. To Emma Verevis, Dayna Richardson & Brianna Griffin who consistently offer to help put away the PMP equipment while they are waiting for the bus teacher. This is a great example of the consideration virtue.

People of the Week

.. Our Taniwha Challenge runners
.. Our support staff for the excellent work they do ... day in and day out (this was Support Staff Week NZ wide).

Term Calendar

21 June Interschool Cross Country (Barge Park)
28 June Learner Portfolios sent home
8 July School Science Fair (Prize Giving 6:30 PM 9.7)
8 / 9 July Parent / teacher interviews
12 July Final day of term 2

We will advise other dates as these come to hand.

20 Hour Famine

A special thank you to those children who participated in last weekend's famine and to parents and sponsors for supporting them. Parents are asked to support with the collection of sponsor contributions over the next week so that we can get this money into the bank and then off to where it will make a difference. **Deadline for all sponsor money is 24 June please.** Please note that all children who received sponsor booklets, including those who did not actually take part, are expected to return their sponsor booklets to school.

International Schools English Exams

Initial practice papers were issued to children this week (along with an answer booklet), with a request that children do at least one practice paper per week in the run up to the exam (31.8). We discussed certain aspects of test technique (please grill your child on these) and talked about the importance of having a regular time and place to sit tests. Children will be issued with new papers on the return of each successive paper.

So .. please help ensure a suitable time and place, assist with marking and timing as necessary, compare past answer sheets to monitor progress and contact us early if we can assist with any problems.

Children in the After School Labs receive more in-depth guidance .. if your child is struggling at any time, and they are not in these labs, you might like to consider registering them (Monday 3:30-4:30 English Labs / Thursday 3:30-4:30 Maths Labs). There is no cost to parents for these labs.

International Schools Maths Exams

Practice papers of the maths exam will be available from 24 June.

Current Virtue - CONSIDERATION

Please continue your work at come on the CONSIDERATION virtue. Please take some time to ..

- ... revisit this virtue with your child
- ... talk about how you practice consideration in your life
- ... set some goals you and they can work on.

School Cross Country

We are pleased to announce the following placings. Congratulations to all of these children.

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
12 Yr Girls	Jemimah	Kayla	Karmelle	Ruby	Tinaya	Kate
12 Yr Boys	Jared	Andrew	Reuben	Flynn	Drae	Eli
11 Yr Girls	Natasha	Michelle	Sarah	Grace	Ariah	Tayla
11 Yr Boys	Max	Brenda	Angus	Jordan	Luke	Brad
10 Yr Girls	Sarah	Jessica	Ellie	Aimee	Magan	Tylar
10 Yr Boys	Jack	Campbell	Heinrich	Olly	Johnathan	Marcus
9 Yr Girls	Brooke	Dayna	Grace	Elizabeth	Emma	Breanna
9 Yr Boys	Joseph	Charlie	Isaac	Toby	Michael	Liam
8 Yr Girls	Amy	Jynaia	Mya	Taylor	Misha	Tahi-Ora
8 Yr Boys	Thomas	Bradley	Trent	Ethan	Matthew	Bailey
Yr 3 Girls	Eva	Nicole	Dannielle	Shiprah	Brianna	Jessica
Yr 3 Boys	Ben	Connan	Rueben	Nathan	Kobi	Jacob
Yr 2 Girls	Paige	Esther	Mikaylah	Alex	Jade	Melissa
Yr 2 Boys	Tokomauri	Jayden	Jack	Lachie	Tawhai	Kiran
Yr 0 / 1 Girls	Caprese	Suzie	Summer	Erica	Greah	Stori
Yr 2 0 / 1 Boys	Dylan	Zak	Ivan Baker	Leyton	Jesse	Riley

This year's Cross Country was sponsored by Omak Meats.

Safer Journeys .. staying safe near roads and railways

Over coming weeks we will be sharing various facets of road safety with children. We feel the best way to do this is ..

- .. a little at a time .. with revision of earlier points as the programme unfolds
- .. with the same material being discussed by parents at home.

So .. please discuss the following with your children next week (we will do the same at school). It is also highly important to do the practice exercises with them



THIS WEEK .. WALKING .. discuss ..

- .. what visibility is and its implications for small children
- .. the need to use footpaths where these exist or to walk back from the road where there is no footpath
- .. how to look and listen
- .. how to use pedestrian crossings
- .. being safe in carparks and at drop off points
- .. facing on-coming traffic where there are no footpaths
- .. safe places to cross

You may need to personalise these guidelines to your child's circumstance. We have sent home a guide book for parents with this newsletter (check your child's schoolbag). Please put this in a safe place and use as we tackle the content sub-topic at a time. THANKS!

Reduce Speed when passing Schools

You may recall that a 40kph speed zone will soon be in place around our school ... so let's get in the practice now and reduce our speed when passing the school and kindy.

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country – Barge Park – 21.6

Selection for this event is based largely on performance at our school event with the first 6 place getters (year 4 and up) qualifying to represent our school. Consents were sent out early this week .. please get these to school no later than Monday (17.6). Please note that parents of participating children are responsible for transport to and from the venue for their child .. and supervision of their child at the venue. If you have arranged to delegate these responsibilities to another parent please advise the school. Any questions please to Mr D.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

Parents of year 7 and 8 children recently received a request for payment of technology fees. These fees cover materials used while at the Hukerenui Technology Centre (terms 3 and 4) - a legitimate fee as children get to keep these materials. We collect this fee for you and pay it to the centre on your behalf as this makes the process somewhat easier. The fee this year is \$60 per child. Please be aware that we do apply a small subsidy to this fee, and meet all other costs, to keep the cost as low as possible for families. Please give Kevin a call if you would like to discuss time payment options.

National Education Monitoring project – Year 4 Students

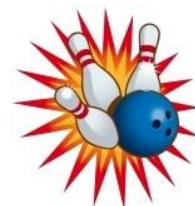
Parents of year 4 students are advised that our students, along with year 4 students from many other schools throughout NZ, have been selected to participate in a series of exercises to develop impressions of attainment levels nationwide. Parents will receive an explanatory letter by mail next week. If you do not wish your child involved you can advise the school or the NEMP team directly using the contact information in your letter. Identities of children are kept confidential. Assessments will be undertaken during the week 14-16 August.

TechQuest

Parents of children involved in next week's TechQuest (20 and 21 June) are advised that children will need to be at school by 8:00 AM on both days (meeting in room 9) in order to be at Forum North in time for the start of their programme. Children will return to school by 3:30 on the Thursday and 3:45 on the Friday for pick up (Mr Schuster will supervise them until pick up). A huge thank you to those parents providing transport and supervision. Questions in the run up to Mr Schuster please.

Ten Pin Bowling – 19 June

Parents of children in our Ten Pin Bowling team are reminded that children will depart school shortly after 9:00 AM returning by 3:00 PM. Please ensure children bring appropriate clothing and footwear on the day (including sneakers), two drink bottles (water preferably), their lunch and spending money (to be spent at the venue) at your discretion. A huge thank you to those parents providing transport and supervision. Questions in the run up to Mr Schuster please.



Year 7 and 8 – Science Fair / Action Research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please at sdelemare@matarau.school.nz or kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz

Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind. Parents are encouraged to check your child's on-line calendar for updates.

School Contribution / Activity Fee

Thanks to those who have paid term contributions / activity fees. If you have not yet paid please do so at your earliest convenience. Those who have opted for automatic deductions are asked to arrange this as soon as possible please. If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin.

Netball and Hockey Fees

Please get these fees to Helen in the office as soon as possible so we can pay the respective associations.

Police vetting of camp parents

If you would like to comment on this matter please do so in writing by 28 June. Please address your submission to The Chairperson, Board of Trustees. All feedback will be carefully considered by the board before any decision is made. Any questions to Kevin please.

Headlice

It is now up to parents please to check their children's hair weekly and take immediate action in the event of infestation. If all parents work to this rule we should remain on top of this situation until term's end.

Found

If you lost a sum of money outside Rooms 6,7 & 8; on Monday 6.5.13 please contact the office.

School Polo Shirts For Sale

\$20 for Sizes 4-10

\$23 for Sizes 12 up

Fun Football

If interested in growing your child's confidence and skill ... in helping them to form friendships ... in developing their fundamental movement skills ... and in making physical activity something they enjoy ... you might be interested in the Fun football Programme. This programme operates every term for 8 week blocks out of the Kamo High School gym on Mondays. Tots (4-6 yrs) play for 40 minutes (from 3:45) and stars (yrs 7-8) play for 50 minutes (from 4:45). You can register online at www.nff.org.nz or contact Christine at christine.taylor@nff.org.nz

Final Word

Technology is impacting on education in profound ways. The challenge for schools is to ensure that the pace of change does not outstrip our ability to manage the risks associated with this change. Currently the school is developing robust protocols to ensure that these technologies are used responsibly within the school environment. Tight monitoring programmes will be in place with decisive consequences if these are breached. Next week we will share with you some actions you can take at home to ensure that safe practices extend beyond the boundaries of school. More to follow.

And last of all .. please get behind our road safety initiative (earlier in the newsletter) .. research shows schools are **MUCH** more effective when our discussions also take place at home. NZ has a terrible record for child fatalities near roadsides. Let's collectively make sure that we do not add to these tragic statistics.

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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Ruatangata Playcentre - small, rural and friendly centre with huge outside area. Our children love seeing new faces to play with so come and have a look. Tuesday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. 1190 Pipiwai Rd. Ph: 433 5171

2013 Funsticks Fun Sticks is the HNZ Active Post Small Sticks program which includes basic movement and hockey specific activities for players who are in year 1 & 2, Whangarei ITM Hockey Centre 9.00am - 10.00am Saturdays 18th May - 14th September; Gold Coin Donation / per session Sticks; mouth guard & shinpads; HN

does provides some sticks if needed. For more info contact Bevan Gibbs, Hockey Northland, 09 437 3830 or 0274 771 754.

Mid Winter Pamper Evening - 29th June @ 6pm. www.momentsintimeevents.co.nz Take a look on my news page for details. Tickets can be booked by email, mandy@momentsintimeevents.co.nz or catch me at school for tickets. I look forward to seeing you there. We all deserve to be pampered!!

Marsden Bay Holiday Camp - July 14th – 19th, Activities include motorbikes, buggies, water slide, flying fox, pancake making, beach activities and much more. For more info contact Sheena Lamason on 094447456/0272133225 or info@marsdenbay.com

Raffle Tickets

The winners of the Annual School Raffle for 5 laps for 2x people (per draw) around the fantastic Hampton Downs Motorsport Park in a Radical SR8 LM sports Car on Sunday 30th June 2013 (valued at \$250 each person) and 1 nights shared accommodation at the Luxurious Hampton Downs apartments on Saturday 29th June with full use of the apartment on Sunday during the day (valued at \$405) are as follows:

1 st Draw	Ticket 0850 - Linda Bale, sold by Johnathan Dunn
2 nd Draw	Ticket 0171 - Josh Hampton
3 rd Draw	Ticket 0542 - Orlando Jones Family

A big thank you to those who sold or purchased tickets and Russell Rawiri, Hikurangi Police, who drew the raffle.

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